the officers and staff shall not normally be transferred from one station to another station in the region before he/she completes a minimum period of three years at that station and from one region to another region before he/she completes five years in that region. However, Group 'D' staff may not be normally transferred except on reduction of establishment/administrative reasons.

Transfers are made in accordance with seniority in stay at station in the region. Exemption are, however, granted on children education ground twice in the entire service career, when the employees' sons/daughters are in the 10th/12th class and to persons who are within 5 years of reaching the age of superannuation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) During the transfer season 2000, a total of 252 officers have been transferred in communication discipline.

**Construction of new Airports**

†937. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to set up new airports with a view to reduce the traffic congestion at the airports situated in the various parts of the country;

(b) whether Government have so far taken any decision in this regard; and

(c) if so, the comprehensive details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Construction/upgradation of airports to reduce the traffic congestion at various airports is an ongoing process keeping in view the demand and availability of resources. Government has approved, in principle, the proposals of State Governments for construction of new airports of international standards on joint venture basis with private participation at

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(i) Shamshabad near Hyderabad, (ii) Devanhalli near Bangalore and (iii) Mopa in Goa.

**Installation of collision warning system in passenger aircrafts**

938. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to install collision warning system in all the passenger aircrafts of Indian Airlines and Air India to avoid mid-air collisions;

(b) if so, whether it will also be made mandatory for private airlines operating in India; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of each collision warning system?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) It has been mandatory w.e.f. 1st January, 1999 to install Airborne Collision Avoidance System (ACAS)-II in all aircraft having certified seating capacity of more than 30 or a payload capacity of more than 3 tonnes operating in Indian airspace. Aeroplane having certified seating capacity of 10 to 30 or payload capacity of 1 to 3 tonnes, have been required to install ACAS-I upto 31.12.2003.

(c) The cost of the system varies from aircraft to aircraft. The expenditure on the system is borne by the concerned airline/operator.

**International flight service from Gaya airport**

939. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gaya Airport is ready for operation of international flights; and

(b) if so, by when Government will start the flight service from that?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Airports Authority of India has taken up the work for upgradation of Gaya airport to make it suitable for operation of AB-320 class of aircraft.